

REMARKS

Applicants are submitting this Amendment in response to the Office Action dated June 11, 2008. At the outset, Claims 1-8 have been identified as examined in this case with claims 9-12 withdrawn from consideration. However, claims 1-12 were canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in Applicants' previously submitted preliminary amendment submitted with the application as filed. In this regard, claims 13-24 were added as new claims in place of and corresponding to claims 1-12. Therefore, for purposes of this examination, Applicants request that claims 13-20 be examined in place of claims 1-8.

In the Office Action, claim 3 has been rejected under section 112. Claim 3 corresponds to claim 15. As presently pending, Applicants believe that this rejection should be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3 are rejected for alleged anticipation or obviousness reasons in view of Gamo (US5976725) or Takamura (US6421585) and Gamo, respectively. Of the presently pending claims, claim 13 (corresponding to claim 1) has been amended to incorporate the features of claims 16-18 (corresponding to claims 4-6). Claims 16-18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, Applicants believe that these rejections should be withdrawn in view of same.

In the Office Action, claims 4-7 are rejected for alleged obviousness reasons in view of Gamo and Zhang (US2002/011335) or Takamura, Gamo and Zhang. At the outset, Applicants believe that the obviousness rejection in view of Gamo and Zhang is improper. Indeed, the Patent Office has also relied on an additional reference (e.g., Takamura) in support of Gamo and Zhang regarding a subsequently alleged obviousness rejection. Clearly, this suggests that Gamo and Zhang, on their own, are not sufficient in scope to render the claimed invention obvious.

Further, Applicants do not believe that Takamura on its own can be relied on to remedy the deficiencies of Gamo and Zhang even if properly combinable. As previously provided, the sole independent claim has been amended to incorporate the features of claims 16-18 (corresponding to the features of claims 4-6). For example, independent claim 13 now recites that the predetermined drive section has a larger load variation than those of the other drive sections of the plurality of drive sections. As further defined in claim 20 (corresponding to claim 8), the power generation sections are identical in number to the plurality of drive sections, wherein the power generation sections are disposed respectively in proximity of said drive

sections, and the drive sections are supplied with electric power respectively from corresponding power generation sections. Moreover, new claims 25 and 26 have been added to further recite that the drive sections include respective joint portions and drive motors, wherein the drive motors are individually mounted respectively to each of the joint portions such that the joint members are capable of being turned, lowered or raised (claim 25); and wherein the electronic apparatus is a dog robot (claim 26). Based on at least these claimed features, Applicants believe that the cited art is distinguished even if properly combinable, and thus, believe that the obviousness rejections be withdrawn.


Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing.

Respectfully submitted,

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